
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5542

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DISPLAY OF HOUSE NUMBERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the owner of a residential building to display the building's street number on the building or on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device between the building and the street. But, if a building is set back more than 100 feet from the center of the street it faces, or if the numbers would not be legible from the street center because of an obstruction, the numbers must be placed on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device located within 10 feet of the building's driveway entrance.

Under the bill, the street number is the number the town assigns to the building or, if there is no record of assignment, the street number customarily used. The bill specifies standards the numbers must meet and where they must be placed.

A violation is an infraction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

STANDARDS FOR STREET NUMBERS

Under the bill, house numbers must be (1) at least four inches high, (2) placed between four and 12 feet above the ground, and (3) placed on the exterior front of the building or on a post, sign, mailbox, or other device located between the building and the street. The color of the numbers must contrast with the color of the background material to which they are affixed, and they must be legible when the building is viewed from at least one point on the street in front of the building.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 5 (03/21/2013)